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SUBJ: TURKISH AMB REVIEWS MONTREUX SUMMIT

1. SUMMARY: TURKISH AMB BILGE WHO PARTICIPATED
AT MONTREUX SUMMIT BRIEFED ME MAR 14 ON OUTCOME. SAID
IT WAS FRUITFUL; CREATED PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE
FOR FURTHER PROGRESS. NEITHER SIDE PRESENTED CONCRETE
POSITIONS ON ISSUES. BILGE SAID ECEVIT FELT HIS
POSITION AT SUMMIT WAS UNDERMINED BY SECY VANCE'S
PUBLIC STATEMENT LINKING DCA TO PROGRESS ON CYPRUS.
SAID TURKS DESIRE EARLY END TO US ARMS EMBARGO; THERE-
FORE, DOUBT GREEKS SEE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO
SETTLE CYPRUS DISPUTE QUICKLY. TURKISH EMBOFF WHO WAS AT
MONTREUX TOLD US EMBOFF MAR 15 THAT TURKS ALREADY
HAD RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD US LINKAGE MESSAGE;
FOUND EPT SOKESMAN'S MAR 14 STATEMENT ATTEMPTING
TO "UNLINK" ISSUES UNSATISFACTORY. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB BILGE MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ABOUT
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SUMMIT: ECEVIT AND CARAMANLIS MET ALONE. MEETING
WAS FRUITFUL; ECEVIT DEMONSTRATED SINCERE DETERMINATION
TO RESOLVE BILATERAL ISSUES. CARAMANLIS EXPRESSED
DESIRE FOR PROGRESS, PARTICULARLY IN AEGEAN AIRSPACE
TALKS. THEY AGREED TO FOLLOW-UP TALKS BETWEEN MFA
SECRETARIES GENERAL IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. BILGE
SAID CYPRUS ISSUE WAS MENTIONED BRIEFLY. ECEVIT DID

NOT PRESENT TURKISH POSITION ON CYPRUS. CARAMANLIS
CONTENDED GREECE HAS NO INFLUENCE OVER
GREEK CYPRIOTS; BILGE FELT GREEK ROLE IN SELECTING
MAKARIOUS SUCCESSOR REFUTES THAT. GREEKS INDICATED
CARAMANLIS BORE NO GRUDGE AGAINST ECEVIT FROM INITIAL
1974 TURKISH MOVE AGAINST CYPRUS BECAUSE HE BELIEVED
IT WAS BLOW AIMED AT GREEK MILITARY JUNTA. HOWEVER,
CARAMANLIS FELT TURKISH SECOND-STAGE CYPRUS OFFENSIVE
WAS DIRECTED AT HIS GOVT.

3. BILGE EMPHASIZED THAT SECY VANCE'S MAR 9 STATEMENT
IN SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING UPSET ECEVIT WHO FELT
STATEMENT TIMED TO UNDERMINE HIS POSITION AT SUMMIT.
SAID STATEMENT, FOR FIRST TIME, LINKED DEFENSE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) WITH PROGRESS ON CYPRUS
AND INTIMATED USG MIGHT NOT REQUEST CONGRESSIONAL
APPROVAL IF PROGRESS WERE LACKING. BELIEVED USG WAS
INTERVENING TO PRESSURE TURKS. SAID ECEVIT SO UPSET
HE MIGHT NOT ATTEND WASHINGTON MAY NATO SUMMIT.

4. I TOLD BILGE THAT NOT HAVING SEEN TEXT OF SECY'S
STATEMENT, I COULD NOT OFFER INTERPRETIVE VIEW.
EXPRESSED REGRET UNFORTUNATE TIMING CAUSED MISUNDER-
STANDING BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. ASSURED HIM US
ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO MONTREUX MEETING.

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5. BILGE SAID TURKISH MILITARY IS EXTREMELY DISSATIS-
FIED WITH US ARMS EMBARGO WHILE US MILITARY CONTINUES
TO USE TURKISH BASES AND US SUPPLIES WEAPONS TO OTHER
COUNTRIES, E.G., YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH DO NOT HAVE CLOSE
COOPERATION WITH US THAT TURKEY HAS HAD. THOUGHT
TURKISHGOVT MIGHT BE CONSTRAINED ADOPT NEUTRAL
POLICY AND LEAVE NATO IF EMBARGO CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.
TURKEY NEEDS NEW EQUIPMENT BUT MAINTENANCE AND SPARE
PARTS NO PROBLEM. SAID GREEKS PROBABLY DO NOT FEEL
IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO SEEK EARLY SETTLEMENT OF
CYPRUS DISPUTE AND THEREBY ENABLE US LIFT EMBARGO.
SAID TURKS DID NOT ASK GREEK INTERVENTION WITH US ON
EMBARGO.

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6. BILGE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM SUMMIT WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON CONTINENTAL SHELF TALKS, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. SAID FEB PARIS TALKS WERE FRUITLESS; GREEKS WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE IN ADVANCE OF SUMMIT. BILGE STRESSED NEED FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE "POLITICAL" PROBLEMS WITH GREECE. SAID INTL ARBITRATION IS UNSUITED FOR SUCH ISSUES, BECAUSE ARBITRATORS COULD NOT DECIDE CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES SUCH AS BASIC POLITICAL RIGHTS. THOUGHT INTL MEDIATION EFFORTS MIGHT BE USEFUL BUT FELT ISSUES COULD BE RESOLVED ONCE GREECE COMMITS ITSELF TO NEGOTIATION PROCESS.

7. TURKISH EMBOFF (SIBAY) WHO ALSO WAS AT MONTREUX TOLD US EMBOFF MAR 15 THAT SECY'S STATEMENT "NEARLY" WRECKED SUMMIT MEETING. ECEVIT ALMOST PACKED UP AND LEFT BEFORE MEETING CARAMANLIS. SAID DCA-CYPRUS LINKAGE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE POINT FOR TURKS WHO RESENT ATTEMPT COMPEL THEM TO NEGOTIATE UNDER DURESS, WHICH WAS HOW STATEMENT INTERPRETED. SAID TURKS ALREADY RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD US LINKAGE MESSAGE. STRESSED
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ECEVIT'S POLICY WAS TO SEPARATE THESE ISSUES IN PUBLIC TO CONVINCE TURKISH MILITARY THAT NO CONCESSIONS BEING MADE UNDER DURESS. SAID IT APPEARED TO TURKS AT MONTREUX PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS INTENDED TO ISOLATE TURKEY.

8. SIBAY ADDED THAT ECEVIT RECEIVED TEXT OF SECY'S

MAR 9 LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI AND 18 HIRC
MEMBERS SHORTLY AFTER TEXT OF MAR 9 STATEMENT.
LETTER WAS POSITIVE ON DCA AND MADE FAVORABLE
IMPRESSION BUT FAILED OVERCOME NEGATIVE IMPACT OF
PUBLIC STATEMENT. SAID TURKS HAD TEXT OF DEPT
SPOKESMAN'S MAR 14 STATEMENT ATTEMPTING "UNLINK"
ISSUES BUT FOUND IT UNSATISFACTORY.
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